

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 33, please replace the last paragraph with the following new paragraph:

In step S207, the navigation ECU 11 determines whether the gateway ECU 15 responds to the request command. When there is [[no]] a gateway ECU 15 or when the gateway ECU 15 is [[not]] connected to the network built in the vehicle 10 and therefore the gateway ECU 15 ~~does not respond~~ responds to the request command, the navigation ECU 11 makes a negative an affirmative determination, and ~~step S208 is then performed.~~ In this case, since the status information is not output, the navigation ECU 11 and the gateway ECU 15 perform step S201 and the following steps again, and repeatedly perform these steps until the status information is output. On the other hand, ~~when there is no gateway ECU 15 or when the gateway ECU 15 is not connected to the network built in the vehicle 10 and therefore the gateway ECU 15 does not respond to the request command, the navigation ECU 11 makes a negative determination, and step S208 is then performed.~~ In step S208, the navigation ECU 11 stores the status information "\$FD", which indicates that there is no gateway ECU 15 or that the gateway ECU 15 is not connected to the network, in the RAM. In step S209, the "response command status determining routine" ends. ~~On the other hand, when there is the gateway ECU 15 and the gateway ECU 15 is connected to the network, the navigation ECU 11 makes an affirmative determination. In this case, since the status information is not output, the navigation ECU 11 and the gateway ECU 15 perform step S201 and the following steps again, and repeatedly perform these steps until the status information is output.~~